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REMARKS

The subject application is a U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP01/04290, filed May 22, 2001. Claims 5, 6, 13-18, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 36 and 38-40 have been amended and new claims 44-226 have been added hereby. Accordingly, claims 1-226 are pending and presented for examination in the subject application.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors therein. Support for the amendments to the specification may be found in Tables 1 and 2 (pages 57, 65 and 66).

Claims 5, 6, 13-18, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 36 and 38-40 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies therein, in order to place them in better condition for examination.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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